

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 2, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. DURKEE submitted the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Henderson, asking to be allowed the right to enter a certain tract of land in the State of Michigan, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report :*

That the petitioner, in the year 1855, claimed to have purchased the back concession of front concession No. 259, in the township of Ecoise, county of Wayne, State of Michigan, from one Peter Rivard, who, as petitioner alleges, represented himself as heir of Isaac Gagnier, to whom the front concession had been confirmed, and who was entitled, under an act of Congress approved April 23, 1812, to donation of the rear concession, but had failed to make application therefor within the time prescribed by said act.

The committee find, that on the 25th June, 1846, Joseph Campan, petitioned Congress for a confirmation of his title to the identical tract of land now claimed by Thomas Henderson, and which he alleged he had purchased from the heirs of Isaac Gagnier, in the year 1823, and had retained possession ever since. The Senate Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Campan, returned it to the Senate without action, and was discharged from its further consideration.

There is no proof that Rivard represented himself as the petitioner alleges, as heir of Isaac Gagnier ; and from the papers submitted to your committee, no claim of title to Thomas Henderson from the original owner of front concession, No. 259, can be traced. In consequence thereof, and the land in question having been reserved from sale and supposed to be still wanted for the original purpose of its reservation, it would be improper to allow the petitioner to enter it, and your committee therefore report adversely to the prayer, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition.

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Mr. Drexler submitted the following

REPORT

The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Henderson, asking to be allowed the right to enter a certain tract of land in the State of Michigan, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report:

That the petitioner, in the year 1836, claimed to have purchased the back concession of front concession No. 250, in the township of Hope, county of Wayne, State of Michigan, from one Peter Gagner, who, as petitioner alleges, represented himself as heir of Isaac Gagner, to whom the front concession had been granted, and who was entitled, under an act of Congress approved April 20, 1812, to location of the rear concession, but had failed to make application therefor within the time prescribed by said act.

The committee find, that on the 25th June, 1846, Joseph Campbell petitioned Congress for a confirmation of his title to the identical tract of land now claimed by Thomas Henderson, and which he alleged he had purchased from the heirs of Isaac Gagner, in the year 1835, and had retained possession ever since. The Senate Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Campbell, returned it to the Senate without action, and was discharged from its further consideration.

There is no proof that Henderson represented himself as the petitioner, either as heir of Isaac Gagner, or from the papers submitted to your committee, no claim or title to Thomas Henderson from the original owner of front concession No. 250, can be traced. In consequence thereof, and the land in question having been reserved from sale and supposed to be still wanted for the original purpose of its reservation, it would be improper to allow the petitioner to enter it, and your committee therefore report adversely to the prayer, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition.